IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) ~~A rollator~~ an ambulatory device ~~having~~ comprising: ~~a frame which is open to a direction which is the rear for ambulatory use and which includes~~

(a) two side frames, each of said side frame having a ~~tubular~~ front leg ~~member connected by a horizontal support to a tubular rear~~ and back leg ~~member, said front and rear legs being linked by a cross bar and the side frames being linked by a front brace that has opposed distil ends each having a pivotable connection to a front leg of one of the side frames, and the frame having a pair of spaced pivot brackets that define an axis of rotation that is forward both of the longitudinal axes of the front leg members and~~;

(b) a horizontal support member connecting the front leg of each of said frames;

(c) a ~~rigid~~ seat ~~member mounted on each of said pivot brackets for rotation about said axis of rotation~~ having first and second sections, wherein the second section is pivotably coupled to said frames, wherein said seat has:

a first position having a substantially horizontal orientation; and

a second position having a substantially vertical orientation; and

(d) two support brackets spaced from said second section, wherein said support brackets are disposed on either side of said seat to secure said seat to said frames when said seat is in said first position; wherein said support brackets provide support for the ambulatory device when said seat is in said first position such that when lateral force is applied to the side frames, the lateral force is distributed along the support brackets and across said seat.

Claims 10-14 (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) An ambulatory ~~support~~ device comprising:

(a) two side frames, each side frame including ~~(i)~~ a front and back leg;

(b) ~~(ii)~~ a ~~substantially u-shaped~~ horizontal support member connecting ~~said legs~~ the front leg of each of said frames; and ~~(iii) a cross bar on each of said side frames connecting a mid-section of said legs; wherein each of said legs includes a height adjustment means; and~~

(c) ~~a wheel connected to each of said legs;~~

~~(d)~~ a seat having front and rear sections, wherein the rear section is pivotably mounted to ~~the front legs~~ said frames, wherein said seat can be pivoted into at least two positions:

a first position~~, wherein said seat is positioned such as to allow a person to sit on the seat~~ having a substantially horizontal orientation; and

a second position~~, wherein said seat is pivoted to~~ having a substantially vertical ~~position~~ orientation; ~~and~~

~~(e) a locking mechanism located on each of said side frames, said locking mechanism maintaining said side frames spaced apart and releasable to allow said side frames to pivot inwardly toward the seat when said seat is in said second position.~~

wherein said seat further comprises a substantially flat sitting surface and an under-surface comprising a plurality of walled recesses.

16. (currently amended) The ambulatory ~~support~~ device of claim 15 further comprising:

(a) a set of brakes positioned to engage ~~the~~ one or more wheels on the back legs when a brake force is applied; and

(b) at least one hand brake actuator positioned on at least one of said ~~horizontal supports~~ side frames, wherein said hand brake actuator is used to effectuate the brake force.

17. (currently amended) The ambulatory ~~support~~ device of claim 15 further comprising a back rest connecting said side frames.

18. (currently amended) The ambulatory ~~support~~ device of claim 15, further including at least one padded region located on at least one of said ~~horizontal supports~~ side frames.

19. (currently amended) The ambulatory ~~support~~ device of claim 15, wherein said horizontal support member is curved outward away from said front legs.

20. (currently amended) The ambulatory ~~support~~ device of claim 15, further comprising a locking mechanism, wherein at least one of said side frames can pivot approximately 180 degrees when said locking mechanism is released.

Claims 21-30 (cancelled)

31. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 9, further comprising a wheel connected to each of said front and back legs.

32. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein said side frames include a substantially u-shaped horizontal support member connecting said legs.

33. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein said side frames also include a cross-member which connects the mid-section of said legs.

34. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 33, wherein said support brackets secure said seat to said cross-members.

35. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein each of said front and back legs include a length adjustment means.

36. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 9 further comprising a locking mechanism located on each of said side frames, said locking mechanism maintaining said side frames spaced apart and releasable to allow said side frames to pivot inwardly toward the seat when said seat is in said second position.

37. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein said seat in said second position is at least partially in front of said front legs.

38. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 31 further comprising:

(a) a set of brakes positioned to engage the wheels on the back legs when a brake force is applied; and

(b) at least one hand brake actuator positioned on at least one of said side frames, wherein said hand brake actuator is used to effectuate the brake force.

39. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 9 further comprising a back rest connecting said side frames.

40. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 32, further including at least one padded region located on at least one of said horizontal supports.

41. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein said horizontal support member is curved outward away from said front legs.

42. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 36, wherein at least one of said side frames can pivot approximately 180 degrees when said locking mechanism is released.

43. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 9, wherein said support brackets are integrally molded to said seat.

44. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 15 further comprising two support brackets laterally spaced from said rear section, wherein said support brackets are disposed on either side of said seat to secure said seat to said frames when said seat is in said first position; wherein said support brackets provide support for the ambulatory device when said seat is in said first position such that when lateral force is applied to the side frames, the lateral force is distributed along the support brackets and across said seat.

45. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 15, further comprising a wheel connected to each of said front and back legs.

46. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein said side frames include a substantially u-shaped horizontal support member connecting said legs.

47. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein said side frames also include a cross-member which connects the mid-section of said legs.

48. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 46, wherein said support brackets secure said seat to said cross-members.

49. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein each of said front and back legs include a length adjustment means.

50. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 15 further comprising a locking mechanism located on each of said side frames, said locking mechanism maintaining said side frames spaced apart and releasable to allow said side frames to pivot inwardly toward the seat when said seat is in said second position.

51. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein said seat in said second position is at least partially in front of said front legs.

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52. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein said seat includes a handle.

53. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 15 wherein said plurality of walled-recesses comprise at least one walled recess having an open side.

54. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 15, wherein said plurality of walled recesses comprise at least one walled recess having a partially open side.

55. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 44, wherein said support brackets comprise a top surface and one or more flanges extending substantially along said top surface.

56. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 55, wherein said support brackets further comprise one or more notches located in said one or more flanges.

57. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 56, wherein said notches are received by one or more portions of said side frames.

58. (new) An ambulatory device comprising:

(a) two side frames, each side frame including a front and back leg;

(b) horizontal support member connecting the front leg of each of said frames;

(c) a seat having front and rear sections, wherein the rear section is pivotably mounted to said frames, wherein said seat can be pivoted into at least two positions:

a first position, having a substantially horizontal orientation; and

a second position, having a substantially vertical orientation; and

(d) two support brackets comprising a top surface and one or more flanges extending substantially along said top surface;

wherein said seat further comprises a substantially flat sitting surface and an under-surface comprising a plurality of walled recesses.

59. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 58, wherein said support brackets further comprise one or more notches located in said one or more flanges.

60. (new) An ambulatory device comprising:

(a) two side frames, each side frame including a front and back leg;

(b) horizontal support member connecting the front leg of each of said frames;

(c) a seat having front and rear sections, wherein the rear section is pivotably mounted to said frames, wherein said seat can be pivoted into at least two positions:

a first position, having a substantially horizontal orientation; and

a second position, having a substantially vertical orientation; and

(d) two support brackets spaced from said second section, wherein said support brackets are disposed on either side of said seat to secure said seat to said frames when said seat is in said first position; wherein said support brackets provide support for the ambulatory device when said seat is in said first position such that when lateral force is applied to the side frames, the lateral force is distributed along the support brackets and across said seat; wherein said support brackets comprise a top surface and one or more flanges extending substantially along said top surface.

61. (new) The ambulatory device of claim 60, wherein said support brackets further comprise one or more notches located in said one or more flanges.